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SUBJ: SOVIET ARMS FOR YEMEN

1. SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE MALESHKOV TOLD DCM AT EMBASSY FOURTH OF JULY RECEPTION THAT HE "THOUGHT" NEXT SOVIET SHIPMENT OF ARMS WOULD BE IN NEXT THREE TO FOUR MONTHS, AND CONSIST OF MIG-21S AND MIG-17S.

2. HE CLEARLY WASN'T SURE ABOUT THIS. HE SAID THE "NOVEMBER AGREEMENT SIGNED BY (YAR PARATROOP COMMANDER) ABDAL ALIM" CALLED FOR SUCH DELIVERIES BUT THEY "WOULD DEPEND ON THE YEMENIS (HE PAUSED) AND THE SAUDIS". HE ADDED SOVIETS WERE READY TO GO AHEAD.

3. HE HAD PRETTY COMPLETE DETAILS ABOUT USG SALES, CITING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. HE PRESSED TO KNOW WHETHER USG PLANNING TO INTRODUCE MILITARY TRAINING MISSION. DCM SAID NO. MALESHKOV, AGAIN SPEAKING VERY CAREFULLY, SAID HE
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THOUGHT SOVIET MILITARY TRAINING MISSION MIGHT CHANGE IN SOME

RESPECTS BUT HE DID NOT EXPECT IT TO BE REDUCED.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE MALESHOV IS REFLECTING QUITE
SINCERE DOUBTS ABOUT FUTURE OF SOVIET ARMS EFFORTS
HERE, AS WELL AS WILLINGNESS AND EVEN DETERMINATION
OF SOVIETS TO CONTINUE AS FULL A ROLE AS POSSIBLE IN
THIS FIELD.

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